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ACTION FOR USEEC

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS ON TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

1. IN HIS JULY VISIT TO WASHINGTON, AMB. HINTON SUGGESTED THAT DEPUTY ASST SECY ATWOOD (EB/TRANSPORTATION AFFAIRS) ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE VISIT TO BRUSSELS DURING NEXT EUROPEAN TRIP TO HAVE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH EEC OFFICIALS ON AVIATION AND MARITIME MATTERS. ATWOOD WILL BE IN EUROPE IN SEPTEMBER FOR AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS (LONDON, BONN, AND PARIS), AND DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS HE VISIT BRUSSELS SEPT. 21-22.

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2. DESIRABILITY OF VISIT IS SUGGESTED ALSO BY FOLLOWING:
ON AUGUST 3, FREDERICK SORENSEN (DIVISION HEAD, AIR TRANSPORT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY) MET IN WASHINGTON (IN ATWOOD'S ABSENCE) WITH MICHAEL STYLES, DIRECTOR OF DEPT'S OFFICE OF AVIATION. SORENSEN STATED THAT EC COMMISSION MIGHT WISH TO COMMENT TO USCAB ON CURRENT PROPOSAL TO END ANTITRUST

IMMUNITY FOR IATA BUT WISHED FIRST TO CONSIDER CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S. ON THIS SUBJECT. STYLES RESPONDED THAT CAB MIGHT BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSULTATIONS (BECAUSE OF EX PARTE RULES), BUT THE DEPARTMENT, POSSIBLY WITH DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, WOULD CERTAINLY MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE. SORENSSEN INDICATED AWARENESS OF ATWOOD'S FORTHCOMING TRIP

TO EUROPE, AND STATED THAT COMMISSION MIGHT SUGGEST MEETING AT THAT TIME.

3. ASSUMING MISSION BELIEVES ATWOOD VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL, MISSION IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH APPROPRIATE EEC OFFICIALS FOR THEIR REACTIONS. ATWOOD ASSUMES THAT CONSULTATION ON MARITIME ISSUES WOULD BE INFORMAL. ON AVIATION ISSUES, IF COMMISSION HAS IN MIND MORE FORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND WOULD LIKE U.S. REPRESENTED BY INTER-AGENCY DELEGATION, THIS MAY BE POSSIBLE SINCE ON SEPT. 19-20 ATWOOD WILL BE CHAIRING SUCH A DELEGATION IN PARIS ON US-FRENCH AVIATION ISSUES. VANCE

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